

FREE HOME COMPOSTING BIN WITH PLEDGE TO COMPOST



I PLEDGE

to compost food scraps and other organic materials at home.

First and last name

Community you live in

To receive a FREE home compost bin, please make the pledge above, detach the top half of this form, and bring it with you to the Environmental Management Department. Please call Environmental Management to **make an appointment** to pick up a home compost bin (530) 621-5300. Environmental Management is located at 2850 Fairlane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA 95667. Without an appointment, we cannot guarantee a compost bin will be available.

First come first serve. Limited quantities available.

For tips on how to compost at home and keep your garden healthy and bountiful visit the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County: <http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/>

The Essentials of Composting

ORGANIC MATERIALS

These are your yard clippings and the food that the decomposer feeds on, turning them into compost. The materials that are suitable for composting are either carbon materials (brown and dry) or nitrogen materials (green and moist).

Carbon materials include fallen leaves, sawdust, straw, and dry grass clippings.



Nitrogen materials include freshly cut green grass and fruit and vegetable scraps.



JUST ADD WATER AND STIR

Composting is a very basic process. You can simply put yard clippings into a pile and let nature do the rest in its own time. Compost will happen; yet it will happen very slowly. You can help it along by providing a balanced diet and an enriched environment for the organisms that do the work of composting.

Decomposer organisms are made up of both microorganisms, such as bacteria, and macroorganisms, such as worms. Supplying them with their basic needs, food, water, and air, will increase the efficiency of their compost efforts.